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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: WORKING GROUP ON
PREVENTION OF WATER POLLUTION FROM INDUSTRIAL &
MUNICIPAL SOURCES

FOR OES/SCI/SEP AND EUR/SOV

REF: A. STATE 42943; B. STATE 45849; C. BROWN/LOEBNER
TELECON 2/21/75; D. BROWN/WARD TELECON 3/7/75

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED INFORM DR. WM. BROWN, OFFICE
OF THE ADMINISTRATOR, EPA, THAT SCICOUNS MET WITH
PROFESSOR YAKOVLEV, DR. KUVSHINNIKOV AND REPRESENTATIVES
FROM FOUR SOVIET MINISTRIES INVOLVED IN THE INDUSTRIAL
PORTION OF THE JOINT COOPERATION. AGREEMENT ON TIMING
FOR ALL EXCHANGES NOTED IN REFETL WAS REACHED. SOME
OF THE TIMING AGREED UPON DIFFERS FROM THAT PROPOSED BY
MR. CAHILL.

2. MINISTRY OF THE PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY AGREES TO
RECEIVE U.S. PULP AND PAPER DELEGATION APRIL 12 27.

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DETAILED PROGRAM WILL BE PROVIDED LATER.

3. MINISTRY OF FERROUS METALLURGY AGREES TO RECEIVE U.S. METALLURGY DELEGATION MAY 17-31. MAY 10 ARRIVAL PROPOSED BY U.S. DELEGATION INCONVENIENT FOR SOVIETS BECAUSE MAY 9 IS NATIONAL HOLIDAY. THIS MAKES PREPARATIONS FOR VISIT VERY DIFFICULT. SOVIETS ACCEPTED THE MAY 17 ARRIVAL DATE ON BEHALF OF USDE. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT ALTERNATE TIMING ACCEPTABLE (REF D). (DR. BROWN REQUESTED TO IGNORE MARCH TIMING INDICATED IN RECENT LETTER TO HIM FROM KUVSHINNIKOV.)

4. JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETING AND SLUDGE SYMPOSIUM DURING EARLY MAY IN MOSCOW (REF A) POSTPONED A WEEK FOR REASONS INDICATED IN PARA 3 ABOVE. SOVIETS PROPOSED MAY 12-27. THIS HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY U.S. (REF D).

5. MINISTRY OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AGREES TO THE JUNE 14-29 TIMING FOR THE U.S. PROPOSED VISIT PROVIDED THE PETROCHEMICAL PART OF THE U.S. CHEMICAL-PETROCHEMICAL DELEGATION IS POSTPONED SINCE THE MINISTRY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ONLY CHEMICAL ASPECTS OF THE COOPERATION AND CANNOT COORDINATE A VISIT OF A U.S. DELEGATION CONTAINING PETROCHEMICAL SPECIALISTS. THE U.S. CHEMICAL EXPERTS WILL BE PROVIDED A PROGRAM ANALOGOUS TO THAT OF THE LAST SOVIET DELEGATION, I.E., FERTILIZER PLANTS, PLANTS PRODUCING DOMESTIC CHEMICALS (DETERGENTS, ETC.), AND SYNTHETIC FIBER PLANTS. THE DELEGATION WILL VISIT 4-5 PLANTS AND 3-4 RESEARCH INSTITUTES. THE DETAILED PROGRAM WILL BE PROVIDED LATER.

6. THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM REFINING AND PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY AGREES TO JULY 13-27 TIMING FOR VISIT TO THE U.S. AT THAT TIME THEY WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PETROCHEMICAL PORTION OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED U.S. DELEGATION (SEE PARA 5). PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SOVIET PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER U.S. PETROCHEMICAL EXPERT TO PETROLEUM UNCLASSIFIED

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REFINING DELEGATION IS ACCEPTABLE.

7. MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM REFINING AND PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY AGREES TO RECEIVE U.S. PETROLEUM REFINING DELEGATION OCTOBER 11 TOGETHER WITH U.S. PETROCHEMICAL SPECIALISTS. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT OCTOBER 16 DEPARTURE FOR U.S. DELEGATION (PARA 3 REF A) INCORRECT AND SHOULD BE OCTOBER 26.

WILL INFORM MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM REFINING AND
PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY.

8. MINISTRY OF FERROUS METALLURGY AGREES TO
SEPTEMBER 14-28 TIMING FOR U.S. VISIT OF SOVIET
FERROUS METALLURGY DELEGATION.

9. WORKING GROUP MEETING AND PHYSICAL CHEMICAL
TREATMENT OF WASTE WATER SYMPOSIUM DURING SEPT 3-17
ARE ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS.

10. SEVENTEEN SOVIETS REPRESENTING THE MINISTRIES
OF (A) PETROLEUM REFINING AND PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY,
(B) CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, (C) PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY, (D)
FERROUS METALLURGY INDUSTRY; (E) VODGEO AND (C)
HYDROMET TOOK PART IN MEETING. THIS MEETING SEEMS
TO INDICATE BEGINNING OF HYDROMET'S SUCCESSFUL
COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES OF FIVE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
ON THESE INDUSTRIAL TOPICS. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT
EPA STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF SEPARATING MUNICIPAL
WASTE WATER TREATMENT FROM THIS TOPIC SINCE COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS ARE RESPONSIBLE
AND COORDINATION OF THIS WORKING GROUP WITHOUT THEM
IS ALREADY SUFFICIENTLY COMPLEX.
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